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Hurricane will pack a solid punch

Highest winds will be over western mainland Nova Scotia Forecasters are predicting 130 km/h winds a low-end Category 1 hurricane Still an 'envelope of uncertainty' between Eastern Nova Scotia and Maine

Hurricane Earl is moving west, but high winds and heavy rain are still on the way for Halifax on Saturday morning.

"It would give Halifax some decent winds, gusting into the 80 to 90 km/h range," said Chris Fogarty with the Cana-dian Hurricane Centre in Dartmouth on Thursday.

Earl is still on schedule to hit Nova Scotia at around 9 a.m. on Saturday, but Fogarty stressed there is a six-hour margin of error.

"The intensity of the storm could be weakening a little more quickly than earlier thought, but we're still looking at maximum winds of 130 km/h when it makes landfall in Yarmouth, or maybe even up into New Brunswick," Fogarty

Most of the rain will fall in New Brunswick, but Halifax will get heavy downpours for a few hours. High winds will kick it up for about four hours, but it will be windy for about 12 hours.

A tropical storm was issued for Halifax by Environment Canada just before 3 p.m. on Thursday.

"I don't see the rainfall lasting particu-



the National Hurricane Center in Miami, is set to reach Nova Scotia Saturday morning

larly long, but it will likely come down

quite heavily," he said. Two cruise ships canceled their visit to Halifax because of Earl, but there has been no impact to cargo ships so far.

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• Surfers hit the waves Thursday as swells from hurricane Earl start to arrive in the area • Warm waters has them leaving wetsuits behind • Swells likely to stick around after storm



There's one group of people who is anticipating Saturday's anticipated arrival of hurricane Earl with glee: Surfers.

"It's like a big snowfall for skiers," said Chris Smith, a surfer from Cole Harbour who caught a few waves at Lawrencetown Beach on Thursday.

"That's what it's all about because with (the hurricane) comes

waves and the swells.'

The beach was busy with surfers on Thursday morning, but Smith said the waves seem to be taking a breather between hurricanes Danielle and oncoming Earl.

But there will be plenty of post-hurricane surfing, added Andrew MacCallum of Lawrencetown.

"Saturday will be unsurfable but a couple days after the storm will be

The surfing is so good, it's attracting

Concern for rally



The minister in charge of Nova Scotia's emergency

measures operations is expressing concern about a decision to proceed with a huge bike rally in the Diaby area as hurricane Earl approaches.

- Ramona Jennex, left, said she was getting in contact with organizers Thursday once she has a better idea of the storm track.
- The rally is expected to draw anywhere from 80,000 to 100,000 people, many who will be staying in tents. THE CANADIAN PRESS

tourists. Smith said he's met surfers from Montreal, New Jersey and Toronto.

"Some people have been coming up for hurricane season for 10 or 20 years," MacCallum added.

As far as safety concerns, it's not high waves or currents these two surfers are worried about but the crowded condi-

"Inexperienced people out there can get you and themselves hurt. You've got to know your limits, MacCallum said.



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NDP stabilizes its support: Survey

Poll suggests NDP's post-election decline has steadied NDP, Liberals neck and neck, but many undecided Dexter and McNeil see small popularity spike



The slow summer months have been neither good nor bad for Nova Scotia's three leading political parties, according to polling data released Thursday.

A Corporate Research Associates poll has the NDP still in front at 37 per cent, with the Liberals nipping at their heels at 35. Those are the exact same numbers as CRA's poll in May.

CRA president Don Mills said the numbers are good news for the NDP, who have seen their support levels dwindle since last July's historic victory.

"They've stemmed the bleed in terms of their support, and stabilized their position relative to where it was going the previous couple of quarters," he said.

The Progressive Conservatives saw a slight drop of three points to 21 per cent support, while the Greens made ground by the same amount, coming in at seven per cent.

Å full 42 per cent of

those polled, however, were undecided, didn't know, refused to answer or said they did not plan to vote. Mills said part of that number reflects the low levels of voter participation in the province.

With no threat of an election until 2013, the NDP can afford low polling numbers for the time being. But Mills said time is ticking away, with several tough decisions to come.

The poll is said to be accurate within 3.4 percentage points, 95 times out of

Leadership

Preference for premier of province (change in percentage in brackets):

- Stephen McNeil, Liberal
- Darrell Dexter, NDP
- 27% (+3) Next PC party leader (Jamie Baillie wasn't included in survey) 16% (-2)
- Don't know/no answer 15% (-2)

WEATHER

Extreme heat causes electrical problems at hospital

Electrical problems at the Halifax Infirmary building of the QEII Health Sciences Centre forced the post-ponement of some surgeries, the early closure of outpatient blood collection and the temporary closure of two restaurants

Thursday.

A spokesman for Capital Health said the extreme heat caused a breaker to trip, which in turn caused some systems to kick over to generator power just before noon.

The generators don't have the capacity to run the air conditioning system and the operating rooms were too hot to

Power was restored a few hours later. The Abbie J. Lane and

Veterans Memorial Buildings were not affected by the electrical issues

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Estabrooks mum on convention centre decision

Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Minister Bill Estabrooks has an opinion on the proposed trade centre for down-town Halifax — but not one he is sharing with his colleagues or the public.

"I had a real opportunity to look over a lot of the specifics," he said. "There's a couple more

weeks of to and fro with my staff ... (but) the decision is imminent."

When asked what his recommendation was in regards to helping fund the project, Estabrooks Location is key

The proposed convention centre is slated to be built on Arayle Street.

said he is not willing to share it before he has a chance to discuss the matter with Premier Darrell Dexter.

He said he "would hope" the decision, along with the full report, will be made public this month.

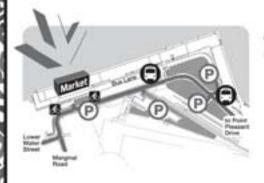
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◆ Thousands expected as air show returns after lengthy absence



The Nova Scotia International Air Show is landing back in Shearwater next weekend for the first time since 2003.

The two-day show is bringing in the big guns, with fan favourites such as a giant C177 Globemaster, fresh from duties in Afghanistan and Haiti, a CF-188 Hornet and a USN Super Hornet. There will also be vintage displays from aircraft including Bill Laff's T-6 Texan and an FM2 Grumman Wildcat.

In all, 25 planes will put on aerial shows and about 15 will offer static displays on the ground. The Globemaster will be open for

When

The air show runs Saturday, Sept. 11 and Sunday, Sept. 12. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for youth and seniors and free for kids under six. Learn more at nsairshow.ca.

visits with its crew on hand.

To handle the thousands of fans expected to journey out to the Shearwater airport, the show is partnering with Metro Transit to offer Air Show Specials every 15 minutes from the Dartmouth bridge terminal.

The show will also knock \$5 off admission for bus users.



Arrested man dies

A Dartmouth man who was found unresponsive in his holding cell early Wednesday morning has died

George Joseph Richards, 47, was arrested Tuesday afternoon for breaching conditions. After being put in lockup, he was transported to hospital with an undisclosed medical concern. He was treated and returned to police.

He was found unconscious in his cell at Halifax Regional Police headquarters on Gottingen Street during a routine check at 2:35 a.m., and transported back to hospital where he



died a short time after. No other details have been released.

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Police have been asked to conduct an investigation into the matter.

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Police seize weapons in raid

Police seized a number of weapons, ammunition and personal body armour during a raid of a home in Millbrook First Nations early Thursday morning.

arly Thursday morning.
A RCMP Emergency Response Team entered the residence at approximately 8 a.m. under authority of a

search warrant. Police say the seized items included 16 long guns, three hand guns, four ballistic vests, several gun magazines and a large quantity of ammunition. There were no arrests, but police say charges are expected to be laid. TRURO DAILY NEWS

Cops probe assault on senior

Police in Cape Breton are investigating an assault on a 65-year-old man. Police say officers responded to a report around 9:20 p.m. Wednesday of a man bleeding on the front step of a home in New Waterford. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sixth day for Weyburn search

Halifax Regional Police spent a sixth straight day searching 51 Weyburn Dr. in Dartmouth on Thurs-

Police spokesman Const Brian Palmeter would not comment on what police were searching for at the house of Steven Elliot Laffin, 25, who has been accused of kidnapping and sexually assaulting a sex worker on Aug. 16. He also

would not say whether the search is connected to the disappearance of another sex worker, Nadine Taylor, who has been missing since July 28.

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News in brief

Another new heat record

WEATHER. It was another record-breaking day Thursday — that makes four in one week.

The mercury hit 33 C, smashing the old record of 30 C set in 1953. The humidex was 41 C. And the heat wave continues Friday with a forecasted high of 32 C.

Hurricane Earl will bring a drop in temperature, but likely not in humidity, Saturday.

• METRO HALIFAX

New vessels coming soon

coast guard. Federal Fisheries Minister Gail Shea has cut the first steel plate for nine new patrol vessels to be built for the coast guard — a year to the day the \$194-million contract was announced.

Shea was joined Thursday at the Halifax Shipyard by workers, Defence Minister Peter MacKay and Premier Darrell Dexter.

The first vessel is expected to be ready for service next year, with all nine scheduled for delivery by 2013.

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Heat danger for pets

CARS. The SPCA said one animal was found near death Thursday morning in a vehicle where the temperature was recorded at 53 C. The SPCA advises people to leave pets at home and take precautions against exposure to the heat.

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Reported brawl was not at all

Halifax Regional School Board spokesman Doug Hadley said police descending upon Auburn Drive High School Thursday during the lunch hour, but a report of a fight between several students wound up being "much ado about nothing."

Hadley said two students registering on the first day of school were in what he termed an ongoing feud.

He said the two students

talked and said they would meet off school property to fight

A fight between the two students took place at approximately 12:15 p.m. outside a nearby convenience store.

One person watching the fight called police and said a fight was taking place between several students.

Several Halifax RCMP patrol cars arrived on scene, but police say the fight was only between the two students and any other people on hand were just watching.

No charges are being laid. Hadley said the matter is being dealt with between the school and the families of the two students.

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Trying to put the 'cool' in school

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The heat was on the minds of many parents who dropped off their little ones for the first day of school Thursday.

"I think that's what everybody is talking about," said Jennifer Palmer, who dropped off her son, Charlie, at Oxford School.

"I thought for sure they cancelled it and I was shocked when they didn't."

Oxford principal Joe Morrison said the school has lots of fans in the building, and they will make use of their cool basement.

"We'll likely keep them in at recess because they'll tend to run around and get The maximum temperature on Thursday, the first day of school. The humidity made it feel more like 41 C.

hot," he said.

Ezekiel Loty, 5, looked a bit nervous for his first day of primary. He told his dad he thought school was about toys and movies.

"It's the first time for him to go to school. He's excited to be with his (older) brother," father John Loty said

"It's been two months on break and it's been a challenge to make sure everything is ready for them to go back to school and waking them up in the morning," he added.





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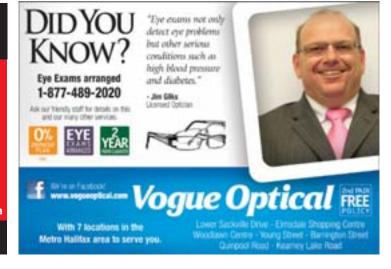
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U.S. braces for Earl's wrath

North Carolina sets up temporary shelters → Officials on Nantucket Island, Mass., plan to do same

The last ferry left for the mainland and coastal residents hunkered down at home as hurricane Earl closed in with 177 km/h winds Thursday on North Carolina's dangerously exposed Outer Banks, the first and potentially most destructive stop on the storm's projected journey up the Eastern Seaboard.

The first bands of heavy rain hit the long ribbon of barrier islands Thursday night. The downpours started in several bursts as the storm's so-called rain shield whirled into the southeasternmost tip of the Outer Banks.

Earl's arrival could mark the start of at least 24 hours of stormy, windy weather along the U.S. East Coast. During its march up the Atlantic, it could snarl trav"This is the strongest hurricane to threaten the northeast and New England since hurricane Bob in 1991. They don't get storms this powerful very often."

DENNIS FELTGEN, METEOROLOGIST, NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER

ellers' Labour Day weekend plans and strike a second forceful blow to the vacation homes and cottages on Long Island, Nantucket Island and Cape Cod.

It was unclear exactly how close Earl's centre and its strongest winds would get to land.

As of Thursday afternoon



the only evacuations ordered were on the Outer Banks, which sticks out into the Atlantic Ocean like the side-view mirror on a car, vulnerable to a sideswiping. About 35,000 tourists and residents were urged to leave.

Hundreds of the Outer Banks' more hardy residents gassed up their generators and planned to hunker down at home behind their boarded-up windows, even though officials warned them that it could be three days before they could expect any help and that storm surge could again slice through the islands. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A familiar pattern

Earl weakened into a Category 2 storm with 177 km/h winds Thursday night. A slow winding down was expected to continue as the storm moved into cooler waters, but

forecasters warned the size of the storm's wind field was increasing, similar to what happened with hurricane Katrina when it hit the Gulf Coast five years ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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God may not necessarily be necessary

Did creation need a creator?

British physicist and mathematician Stephen Hawking says no, arguing in his new book that there need not be a God behind the creation of the universe.

The concept is explored in "The Grand Design," excerpts of which were printed in the British newspaper The Times on Thursday. The book, written with fellow physicist Leonard Mlodinow, is scheduled to be published by Bantam Press on Sept. 9.

Press on Sept. 9.

"The Grand Design," which the publishers call Hawking's first major work in nearly a decade, challenges Sir Isaac Newton's theory God must have been involved in creation because our solar system couldn't have come out of chaos only through nature.

But Hawking says it isn't that simple. To understand the universe, it's necessary to know both how and why it behaves the way it does, calling the pursuit "the Ultimate Question of Life, the Universe, and Everything."

"We shall attempt to answer it in this book," he wrote. "Unlike the answer

Plum positions

- Hawking retired last year as the Lucasian Chair of Mathematics at Cambridge University after 30 years in the position. The position was once held by Sir Isaac Newton.
- Hawking was also appointed to the position of distinguished research chair at Canada's leading scientific brain trust, the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical

given in 'The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy,' ours won't be simply '42.'"

The number 42 is the deliberately absurd answer to the "Ultimate Question" chosen by sci-fi author Douglas Adams.

Hawking, who is renowned for his work on black holes, said the 1992 discovery of another planet orbiting a star other than the sun makes "the coincidences of our planetary conditions ... far less remarkable and far less compelling as evidence that the Earth was carefully designed just to please us human beings."

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Crews open up oil well

Engineers have removed a temporary cap that in mid-July stopped oil from gushing into the Gulf of Mexico from BP's blownout well.

More oil is not expected to leak into the sea, but crews are on standby with collection vessels just in case. The cap was removed Thursday as a prelude to raising the piece of equipment underneath that failed to prevent the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

The government wants to replace the failed blowout preventer first to deal with any pressure that is caused when a relief well BP has been drilling intersects the blown-out well.

Once that occurs, BP is expected to use mud and cement to plug the blown-out well for good.

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Gunman's bombs detonated

A fire chief says crews detonated four explosives linked to a gunman who took three hostages at Discovery Communications headquarters in Maryland. Montgomery County

Montgomery County fire chief Richard Bowers said Thursday that officials took the devices from a home. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stranded goats rescued

Two young goats that wandered onto the thin ledge of a railroad bridge and spent two days high above a highway were hungry but safe when they were plucked to safety with a towering crane.

The rescue occurred Wednesday.

No spill from latest oil accident: Coast Guard



• Platform located in shallower water than BP's Deepwater Horizon

An oil platform exploded and burned off the Louisiana coast Thursday, the second such disaster in the Gulf of Mexico in less than five months. This time, the Coast Guard said there was no leak, and no one was killed.

The Coast Guard initially reported that an oil sheen a mile long and 100 feet wide had begun to spread from the site of the blast, about 200 miles west of the source of BP's massive spill. But hours later, Coast Guard Cmdr. Cheri Benlesau said crews were unable to find any spill.

The platform's owner, Houston-based Mariner Energy, did not know what caused the explosion.

Mariner officials said there were seven active production wells on the plat3,400

There are about 3,400 platforms operating in the Gulf, according to the American Petroleum Institute. Together they pump about a third of America's domestic oil, forming the backbone of the country's petroleum industry.

form, and they were shut down shortly before the fire broke out.

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal said the company told him the fire began in barrels of light oil condensate, but officials did not know yet what sparked it.



Auction marks 30 years since Fox run

Betty Fox says the spirit of her son lives on in so many people who are the unsung heroes of the Terry Fox Run.

"Terry's journey was cut tragically short but he left us with the legacy of hope and the powerful example of how one person truly can make a difference," she said Thursday.

She spoke as the Terry Fox Foundation marked the 30th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope with a new fundraising initiative for cancer research.

An online auction will allow Canadians to bid on 30 pairs of Medallist Edition replica shoes signed by Canadian Olympians and Paralympians from the Vancouver Games.

The shoes, bearing the signatures of such athletes

\$550MThe 30th annual run is set for Sept. 19. Since 1981, \$550 million has been raised by 35 million participants in more than 40 countries around the world who've laced up for the event.

as speedskaters Kristina Groves and Clara Hughes, curler Cheryl Bernard and snowboarder Jasey-Jay Anderson, will be on eBay from Sept. 7 to 21.

Canadians can also buy 30th anniversary shoelaces for \$5 at Adidas stores across Canada, or through the foundation. Fox wore Adidas running shoes during the 143 days he pounded the pavement.



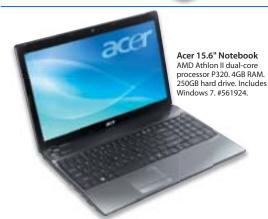
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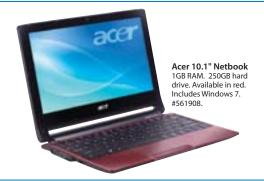




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Other people's money

DAVID DESCÔTEAUX

"\$540,425,310,714!"
Maude is sitting next
to me. She's raising
two young children,
and wants to know
Canada's federal debt.
"It's climbing by \$135
million a day," I tell

hat's ridiculous! And our children are the ones who are going to be crushed by this debt?"

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higher taxes, and they'll receive fewer services like health care or student bursaries."

"Unbelievable! It's time for our elected officials to have an adult conversation about our public finances."

"I agree. But our politicians will never have that conversation. As economist Don Boudreaux once put it, adult conversations about money are mature and responsible, because adults earn and spend their own money. I also have two small children and their financial conversations are infantile and irresponsible. It's always, 'I want that toy!' or 'Let's go to McDonald's!' or 'Take me to Disneyland!' They demand these things constantly, which makes perfect sense: It's my girlfriend and I who are paying. Children have nothing to lose by playing this game. If their demands are met, someone else will be footing the bill.

"The conversations about public finances that politicians have with interest groups (unions, businesses, coalition X or Y, all of whom want their goodies) are infantile for the exact same reason: The money they spend isn't theirs. It's ours."

"They're like kids at a pinball machine into which no coin has been inserted. They hammer away frantically at all of the buttons and think they're responsible for the bells and flashing lights."

Five brief minutes later and we're \$468,000 more in debt.

David Descôteaux is a freelance economic journalist and an associate researcher at the Montreal Economic Institute

Contender steps into iPad's ring

● Galaxy Tab is one-third smaller than iPad ● Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, 3G networks make it both smartphone and laptop



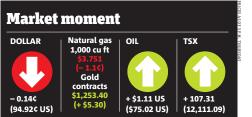
Samsung Electronics Co. unveiled a new tablet PC named Galaxy Tab Thursday as the latest device meant to rival Apple's popular iPad.

The device offers features such as mobile video conferencing and a video chat function, Samsung executive Thomas Richter said.

Richter said it comes with Google Inc.'s Android 2.2 operating system, which can run HTML5 and Adobe's Flash Player — un like the iPad.

It also comes with two

cameras, one digital camera on the back of the device, and a second camera on the front for video conferences — a feature the iPad lacks, but something Dell's Streak tablet PC offers. It also comes with Swype, which allows users to type on virtual keyboards by simply swiping fingers around from one letter to the next, lifting only between words.





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A fuel tanker carrying nine million litres of fuel has run aground near the Nunavut community of Gjoa Haven in the Northwest Passage.

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The Nanny – double-hulled tanker hit the unmarked shoal in the Simpson Strait southwest of the community on Monday while on a voyage refuelling local communities, reports the Coast

"She's just caught up on a sand bar, that's all," said Dennis White of vessel owner Coastal Shipping of St. John's, N.L.

There were no injuries

Incidents

A fuel tanker ran aground off Pangnirtung, Nunavut, earlier this month as it attempted to offload fuel. And last week, more than 100 passengers had to be airlifted from a cruise ship that ran aground on an unmarked rock near Cambridge Bay, Nunavut.

or spills resulting from the grounding. The Coast Guard says the vessel is not damaged.

We have no report of pollution, that's been verified by overflight," said

Larry Trigatti, supervisor of environmental response for the Coast Guard.

"We're confident there is no significant damage to the vessel. The crew's safe.

The Coast Guard icebreaker Henry Larsen, which was anchored near Gjoa Haven, arrived on site late Thursday afternoon. A variety of government agencies are also responding to the accident.

A Transport Canada plane with pollution-sensing equipment flew over the site Monday. A helicopter from the Larsen did the same Tuesday.

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Transit gets a little help from PM

Prime Minister Stephen Harper on Thursday announced a significant investment of about \$265 million to support public transit in the Kitchener-Waterloo region of Ontario. The money will go toward construction of a light rail system between Kitchener and Waterloo.

Mobile wager growth a good bet?

A report published by Britain's Juniper Research estimates that wagers on mobile gambling will top \$48 billion a year by 2015. The Mobile Gambling

Markets report says the Japan Racing Association's iPAT service is currently responsible for most mobile gambling transactions, with services in the U.K. accounting for

While Apple is now allowing gambling apps to be sold via the App Store, most service providers are opting for a browserbased approach.

much of the remainder. However, it predicts the surging mobile lottery service launched by

VODone will propel China into third place in terms of mobile gambling transactions. The U.S. market is poised to see the introduction of its first mobile lottery services and the report says impending leg islative changes in the U.S. may kick open doors for mobile casino operators in the medium term.

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Monday, September 6th for your convenience.



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MINUTES WITH: BOBBY SMITH

With one week until the Halifax Mooseheads begin their 2010-11 campaign at home against the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles, Metro spoke with majority owner Bobby Smith about his club and the expectations for the season.

As everyone knows, the Mooseheads are coming off back-to-back last-place finishes. What's your message to fans heading into this season?

The message is, thanks for sticking with us. We've got the players in place right now to have a very good team for many years to come and everything we've done in the past 18 months isn't about quick fixes. It's about (building) a terrific team. We've taken our medicine and now it's going to be a lot of fun from here on out.

Why should fans come to the rink this season?

The team itself is going to be fun to watch. You won't just come out to watch the team because Konrad Abeltshauser is going to be on the San Jose Sharks in a couple of years. This is going to be a good team and we play to win, too.

What's been the mood around the team since Martin Frk's arrival earlier this week?

Really positive. The guys are excited. They're seeing already what a high-level talent he is and they're excited to play with him and have him as a teammate.

What will it take for this season to be categorized as a success for you?

We obviously have to take a significant step up in the standings, we have to see that our young players are all improving, our 16-yearolds, our 17-year-olds, and our 18-year-olds, who really got thrown into it last year. That will be the judge. And, hey, in terms of wins and losses, you don't go from 18th to first, but we want to take a significant step up the standings and really be a good

What are you most excited about this season?

The whole group of talented players we've got. It's just the number of potential A players on the roster ... We haven't had a group

like this in years.

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Sun setting on summer

Letters & Tweets

We asked: What's a sure sign summer is ending?

TORONTO. My birthday is Aug. 27, and that always was the end of summer for me because when I was young, in a week's time it was back to school; the days are shorter and it gets a little cooler at night.

STEPHEN NOBLE

We asked: What's better: Summer or winter?

VANCOUVER. @MattVanDeventer: Winter is way better because it's easier to stay warm than it is to keep cool. Summer is for kids. winter is for men.



VANCOUVER. @heatbagger Summer in Vancouver. Winter in Hawaii.

We asked: What's your biggest pet peeve?

OTTAWA. My biggest pet peeve is tailgaters. They really don't think or care about the consequences if the vehicle in front of them has to brake fast.

Not the brightest drivers on the road.

BRAD MCGOWAN

We asked: Finish this sentence: To be successful, you must ...

TORONTO. To be successful you must be honest, sincere, and have a terrible sense of humour.

WALTER DUPCZAK

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Metro Minute with Halifax Kennel Club

The dog days of summer it is not.

The Halifax Kennel Club All Breed Championship Dog Show and Trials is happening during the Labour Day long weekend at Exhibition Park on Prospect Road. The threeday event runs Saturday through Monday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

This is the largest dog

show in Atlantic Canada and features some of the top show dogs and their handlers performing in various events. There will also be "Vendors Alley" where dog owners can purchase all their pet needs.

Visit hkc.halifaxkennelclub.org for complete event details, including ticket information.

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Three days to play

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO PREPARE FOR THE ARRIVAL OF HURRICANE EARL?



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Original Resident Evil director Paul W.S. Anderson returns for fourth installment • Anderson and series star Jovovich make it a family business • Clones, zombies and plenty of over-the-top action scenes all in 3-D



Evil gets sent to the fterife



Eight years ago, filmmaker Paul W.S. Anderson resurrected the dead with his slick, sexy, violent adaptation of the hot Capcom videogame Resident Evil, making a killing at the box office and spawning two Anderson penned and produced sequels.

Charting the rise, fall and rise again of the evil Umbrella empire, the series follows the sexy Alice

(Mila Jovovich) as she battles the unstoppable zom-bie making "T-Virus" and the freakish corporate-created creatures that walk. run and slither among them.

Now, after surrendering final cut on the last two pictures, Anderson returns to the directorial folds with the hotly anticipated Resident Evil: Afterlife, the fourth and most over-the-top entry in the series and the first to be shot in 3-D. More importantly, Anderson is return-

ing to direct his wife and the mother of his child. That's right, after falling in love on the set of the first Evil, Jovovich and Anderson tied the knot.

"Obviously, the Resident Evil world is a huge

part of our daily lives," says the lovely actress.

"We constantly bat

ideas back and for the and let's just say that draft one will never be seen by anyone. It got a lot of boiling water from his wife."

Afterlife finds the now scientifically altered Alice still wandering the earth, trying to rescue pockets of human survivors from the flesh hungry hordes of the living dead while trying to evade the wrath of the power mad Umbrella Corporation and an army of her own clones in a series of stunning, state of the art action sequences.

"The clones are all me,"

Jovovich says.

"I play each and every one of them. I told the producers that they should actually pay me by clone as it's incredibly dif-

Toronto ties

Resident Evil: Afterlife was lensed in Toronto and features many familiar faces like Kim Coates (Silent Hill) and Shawn Roberts (Diary of the Dead) in central roles. The second installment in the franchise, Resident Evil: Apocalypse was also shot in the GTA and featured a climax where Jovovich runs down the side of an exploding Toronto City

scene





The former television producer who tried to blackmail David Letterman over the comedian's office af-fairs was freed from jail Thursday, city Correction Department records show. Robert "Joe" Hal-

derman served four months of his sixmonth sentence in the case, which exposed Letterman's personal life to public scrutiny. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS







Original Tron excited for sequel

27 years after original was all but ignored by public and critics hype keeps growing for Tron: Legacy



Geeks filled the Metro Convention Centre last weekend for FanExpo 2010, a Canuck Comic-Con honouring comic books, sci-fi, horror, and anime.

One of the highlights

was a special presentation of early footage from the upcoming blockbuster sequel Tron: Legacy to a packed house of giddy fanboys. The original Tron himself, Bruce Boxleitner was on hand to introduce the footage and chatted with Metro about the impact of his cult classic and the highly anticipated sequel.

"Tron was an acting job that I damn near turned down because I didn't understand it," laughed the actor. "I saw some early test footage and was so impressed that I had to do it. We thought it would be a big hit, but I guess that took a while."

Audiences didn't know what to make of the techno adventure in 1982. Video games and computers weren't exactly mainstream at the time, but as they took over our culture the film developed a loyal audience.

"The reaction then and now are as different as night and day," admitted Boxleitner.

"It happened slowly. I've done sci-fi conventions for Babylon 5 for a while now and about 10-15 years ago I started to sign Tron memorabilia. I've signed betamaxes, VHS tapes, laser discs, and DVDs. The popularity has grown right along with the technology over the years and no matter what I go out to promote, everyone wants to talk about Tron."

The popularity has grown substantially enough for a sequel to be

"I didn't miss the tights and that damn belt on this one and I'm glad that I didn't have to wear the new Tron suits either. The suits actually have built in lights this time and apparently there was some shortcircuiting going on. If you sweated too much inside, you'd get shocked and I guess it happened to (lead actor Garrett Hedlund) a bunch of times"

BRUCE BOXLEITNER, ON THE TRON SUITS

produced a shocking 27 years after the original.

"That's what I think is the real story," said Boxleitner. "They take maybe a year off between Harry Potter movies, but to return after 27 years? That's pretty special."

The sequel seems to be designed for the evergrowing cult of Tron and while the fans are excited, it's tough to say how it will play with general audiences.

"That's going to be the question," admitted the actor. "I think it's permeated the culture enough that most people know Tron now and the technology is more accessible. But who knows? I'm excited to find out."



Indiana State Police say an extra at a Transformers 3 production site was seriously injured during the filming of a stunt.

Authorities say the Transformers 3 crew was filming late Wednesday in the Chicago suburb of Hammond, Ind., using several vehicles and drivers. Police say something went wrong and an object went through the windshield of a car, hitting the driver.

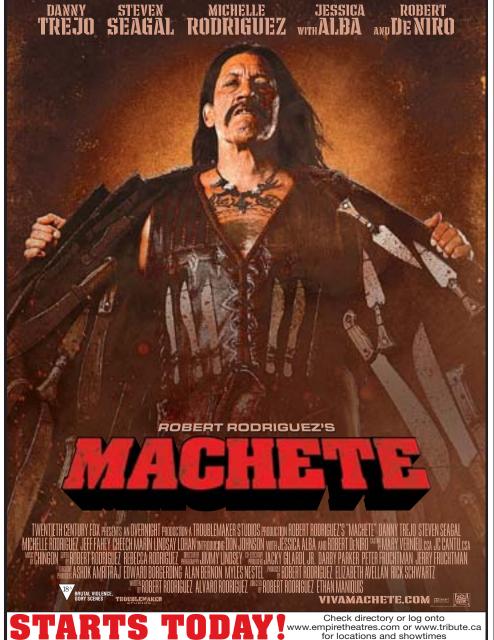
In a statement, police

said the vehicle kept going for a mile before stopping.

Police did not release the driver's name. The person was airlifted to a hospital.

Transformers 3 crews have been filming in the Chicago area all summer.

The movie stars Shia LaBeouf, Patrick Dempsey, Frances McDormand, John Malkovich and model Rosie Huntington-Whitely. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





ASSASSINS COME IN ALL SHAPES & SIZES

types of movies about people who deal in death to make a living.
There's the cold blooded killer story, the revenge drama and even comedic takes on killing for fun and profit. Assassins can be men, women, children and even robots. In this week's The American George Clooney plays another kind of murder engineer, the troubled, introspective assassin There are as many kinds of cinematic killers as there are kinds of weapons for them to use. Here's a look back at the philosophies of some of the screen's most memorable death merchants.

Charles Bronson, as the skilled slayer in The Mechanic (soon to be remade with Jason Statham and Ben Foster), teaches his young protégé, played by Jan-Michael Vincent,



some basic hitman lessons. "Murder is only killing without a license,' he says, adding that when you shoot someone do it right. "You always have to be dead sure. Dead sure or dead?

That's key killer advice, but slow down, there is a progression to becoming a hitman. In The Professional Leon (Jean Reno) details the system. "The rifle is the first weapon you learn how to use," he says, "because it lets you keep your distance from the client. The closer you get to being a pro, the closer you can get to the client. The knife, for example, is the last thing you learn."

Along the way movie assassins also learn that relationships are verboten. Remember what happened to Mr. and Mrs. Smith (Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie)? "Your aim's as bad as your cooking sweetheart," taunts John to Jane, "and that's

saying something!" Day of the Jackal's would-be Charles de Gaulle assassin (Edward Fox) adds, "In this work you simply can't afford to be emotional," although sometimes feelings inevitably get in the way. Just ask Prizzi's Honor's Charley Partanna (Jack

her? Do I marry her?' Once they've learned the ropes, one question remains: Why do movie

memorably said, "Do I ice

Nicholson) who

assassins kill?

Max Von Sydow plays one of the great movie killers in Three Days of the Condor, Sydney Lumet's classic story of conspiracies and murder. His reasoning for doing what he does is chillingly simple. "The fact is, what I do is not a bad occupation," he says. "Someone is always willing to pay. The Matador's Julian Ñoble (Pierce Brosnan) agrees, "My business is my pleasure," he said.

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Distance falls short

Going The Distance Genre: Comedy Director: Nanette Burstein Stars: Drew Barrymore, Justin Long, Charlie Day

Going The Distance desperately wants to be an R-rated romantic/comedy like Knocked Up or There's Something About Mary that appeals equally to both sexes (swears n' gross outs for the boys and love for the girls).

Unfortunately it's weighed down by far too much studio calculation to fool audiences. The R-rated gags seem forced and the relationship drama is little more than a collection of



clichés. Even the casting of real life couple Drew Barrymore and Justin Long feels like a cold marketing ploy.

There are some funny things going on in Going The Distance, but they're sadly limited to the peripheries while Barrymore and Long trudge through the boring rom-com motions in the foreground.

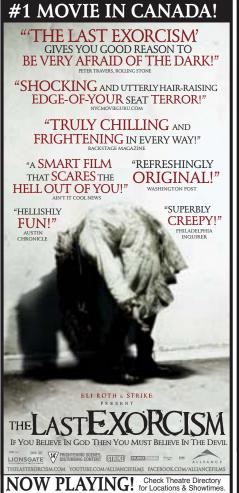
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Machete

Genre: Action Directors: Robert Rodriguez and Ethan Maniquis Stars: Danny Trejo, Robert DeNiro, Steven Seagal

Machete is just your typical movie about a day labourer/assassin/ex-feder ale forced to kill a corrupt senator hell-bent on shutting down the U.S./Mexican border with all of the machine guns. explosions, nudity, and ac-

robatic disembowelings that implies. Cheap thrills, exploitation, and bad taste are the key ingredients in this campy cocktail from director Robert Rodriguez. This Grindhouse spin off is one of his most entertaining flicks to date and while it drags on too long and the attempts at illegal immigration commentary get grating, it all feels like part of the deliberately cheesy style. OPHIL BROWN





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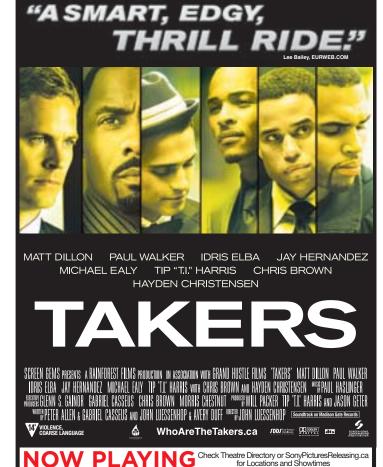
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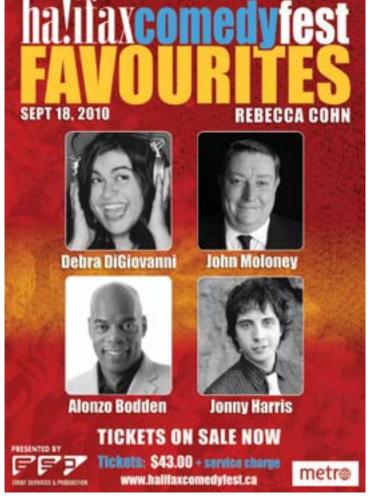
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Nikita, CW **Premieres Sept. 9** An action-packed reboot of the 1990 film and TV series, this Nikita is a slick celebration of conspiracy and sexy gals who mean to put a stop to it.

So many shows, so little time

• You already have to keep up with your slate of favourite returning shows, so how do you carve out more hours to sample the newcomers? • Prioritize, of course. Here are some new series that deserve an early look.

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The Event, City TV Premieres Sept. 20

If you miss Lost, check out this season's only new entry in the serial thriller genre. The Event demands a week-to-week commitment to make any sense of the conspiracy at its core.



Lone Star, Global Premieres Sept. 20 A charismatic con man is

married to one beautiful woman and shacking up with another. Lone Star is a solid drama of a man in conflict who needs it all.

No Ordinary Family, CTV Premieres Sept. 28

A police sketch artist feels

meek at work and home

family. Then, through the

oddest of quirks, they all

with his not-so-happy

gain superpowers



Premieres Sept. 20

nal is a miracle of souped-up restoration. Alex O'Loughlin plays simmering Steve McGarrett, who's got a score to settle with some very bad people.





Outsourced, Global Premieres Sept. 23

When a Kansas City call centre is "right-sized," Todd is dispatched to India to manage it. Besides its spot-on timeliness, it deftly harvests laughs from the inevitable culture clash.



Hellcats, CW **Premieres Sept. 8**

It's almost laughably formulaic, but the formula works like a charm. Pre-law student

Marti scorns her university's cheerleading squad, but suddenly she needs to join the squad to keep her all-important scholarship. As luck

would have it, Marti was a gymnastics champ in high school. Hellcats is one part youth melodrama, one part Glee in skimpy spandex



Raising Hope, Global Premieres Sept. 21

Greg Garcia, creator of My Name is Earl, is back with a new brood of lovable losers in this wacked-out family comedy, where the son, Jimmy, finds out he's the father of a baby girl.



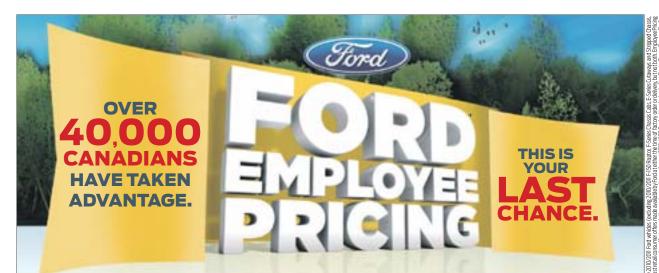
Running Wilde, Fox Premieres Sept. 21

An oil tycoon's spoiled son, Steve, wants to reconnect with his childhood sweetheart Emmy. But she's now an environmentalist whose tree-hugging zeal clashes with Wilde Oil.









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TV watch list

Friday night football fix

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL. If you're missing Friday Night Lights since it wrapped for the season a few weeks ago, check out the movie that set the TV series in motion. The film, inspired by the book of the same name, stars Billy Bob Thornton as the coach of a high school football team that's the talk of the town in Odessa, Texas. (Friday, Much)

Flashpoint builds to finale

POLICE DRAMA. There's only a few episodes left in this season of Flashpoint, and this week the team is confronted by gun runners as they investigate gunshots in an upperclass neighbourhood. (Friday, CTV)

Tickle your funny bone

STANDUP. There's a marathon of standup comedy on this holiday weekend, including specials from the likes of Chris Rock, George Carlin, Russell Peters and Margaret Cho. (Saturday, The Comedy Network) CTV is also featuring a Brett Butt special, with guests Dave Foley and Jully Black.

Catch Star Wars prequels

MARATHON. Were the prequels really a good idea?
Catch the Star Wars saga from the very beginning and judge for yourself, with back-to-back-to-back airings of Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace, Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones and Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith. (Saturday, Spike)

Show profiles freaky eaters

REALITY. TLC has yet another show highlighting unusual human behaviour and this time it focuses on bizarre fixations with food. The first episode of Freaky Eater follows a 34-year-old diabetic man who is addicted to cheeseburgers. The second profiles a woman so hooked on sugar that she needs to retrain her tastebuds to recognize other flavours. (Sunday, TLC)

Doc details 9/11 rescue

DOCUMENTARY. With the ninth anniversary of Sept. 11 approaching, expect to see a lot of documentaries on TV revisiting the terrorist attacks. One of the first is 9/11: After the Towers Fell, which details the stories of rescue workers and family and friends who helped save victims buried in rubble. (Sunday, Discovery)

MTV finally starts to get its mojo back

Jersey Shore helps lift MTV and parent Viacom out of ratings slump

MTV is getting its mojo back, thanks to the tanned twenty-somethings of Jersey Shore.

Ever since its December debut, the show's buzz has been huge – even making it into one of President Barack Obama's speeches. The July 29 start of the second season, shot in Miami, drew 5.3 million viewers, nearly quadruple the original opener. And audiences have been staying put.

Jersey Shore is just one contributor to a ratings rebound that MTV has enjoyed since January. It marks MTV's first consistent gain in three years.

That's a big win for parent company Viacom Inc., as its movie studio Paramount Pictures has been paring down its slate. Higher ratings mean advertisers from fast food chains to clothing retailers are lining up to get on board. Analysts say that should help boost the company's stock price in the months ahead.

Executives say it's no fluke that many of its shows including Jersey Shore are taking off. The executives credit new programming spending and plenty of research into what young people want to see: more real situa-

The right mix

Mix of new reality shows and scripted comedies with "regular" people is connecting with fans.

- The Hard Times of RJ Berger A coming-of-age comedy that is a rare foray for MTV into scripted programming.
- The Buried Life Four people chase "100 things to do before you die."

tions, less fake glamour and fewer competitions.

"The Hills was definitely a fabricated reality and Jersey Shore and Teen Mom are more harsh, authentic realities. And that is what's resonating much more today," said Van Toffler, president of MTV Networks' Music and Logo Group, which oversees the flagship network and other channels such as CMT.

MTV's ratings had been steadily declining as some of its reality shows such as Real World, now in its 24th season, were getting old. But since the beginning of July, MTV's ratings are up 22 per cent among its core audience of people ages 12 to 34.

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Rose tries fans' patience in Dublin

• Guns N' Roses frontman walks off stage

Axl Rose, it seems, needs a little more patience — and a much louder alarm

The 48-year-old singer of U.S. hard-rock band Guns Roses irritated thousands of his Dublin fans at the 02 Arena on Wednesday night by showing up nearly an hour late — a recurring problem on his band's European tour — and then walking off after an unruly minority in the crowd hurled water bottles on the

Most of the fans left, but Irish concert promoters MCD wouldn't let Rose leave until he finished the gig. The band went back on stage an hour later to a mostly empty venue and didn't stop playing until nearly 1 a.m.

MCD and the 02 issued a joint statement criticizing Rose for having "a long history for being late on stage," but emphasized that "no artist should be subjected to missiles and un-known substances being thrown at them."

Rose's patience snapped after he warned the crowd to stop throwing things on stage. "Here is the deal. One more bottle up here and we go. We don't want to go. Your choice," he told the crowd during an abrupt break to Welcome to the

But when introducing



his other band members before a following number, up came another bottle and off Rose went to a chorus of boos. "OK, that's it. Good night. Have a nice

Under the Guns

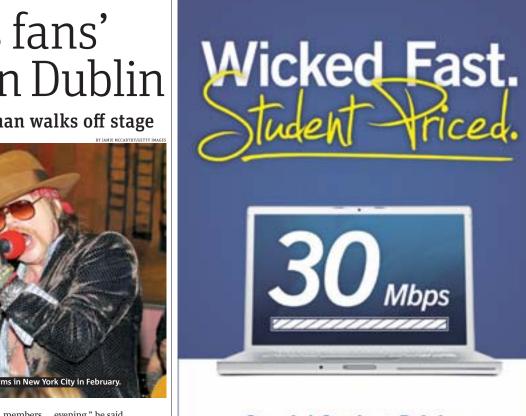
Rose is the only remaining original member of Guns N' Roses, which was founded in Los Angeles in 1985 and achieved charttopping successes with its first two albums, Appetite for Destruction in 1987 and the double-album Use Your Illusion in 1991.

evening," he said.

Politicians called on the promoters to refund tickets that cost an average of US\$92. MCD declined to say whether anyone would get their money back.

"Reports say that the lights came on and the security people told concertgoers to go home. Confusion reigned and thousands of fans had left by the time the band came back again on stage to com-plete their set," Irish senator Michael McCarthy said.

The European tour has been marred by late starts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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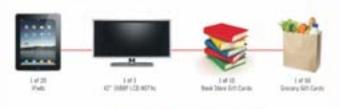
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• Luke Doucet album dedicated to Hamilton



Most people see Hamilton as nothing but smokestacks, slag heaps and steel

But Luke Doucet has discovered a different side of the southern Ontario industrial town. Since moving there two and a half years ago with his wife, singersongwriter Melissa McClelland, Doucet has spent a lot of time jogging along Hamilton's streets and trails. The Winnipeg-raised, Nova Scotia-born musician has come to appreciate the wealth of parkland, century-old architecture and scenic waterfront. He now

In Control

Top Track: The lead single off Steel City Trawler is The Ballad of Ian Curtis, which tells the tragic story of the lead singer of the British post-punk band Joy Division. Doucet wrote it while jogging: "I was actually running down Aberdeen (Street in Hamilton). It was stone quiet and I had just watched Control - the Anton Corbijn film about Joy Division. It was on my mind as I was running a long stride. You can hear the pace I was running in the song."

calls it home. Doucet has called his sixth solo CD Steel City Trawler. The album even contains 20-page mini-comic by Hamilton artist David Collier. In it, Doucet takes readers on a frame-byframe tour of the city - up and down the escarpment steps, along Trail Bruce conservation lands and into the core to record stores and drinking establishments

The 11 tracks, including a rocked-up version of Gorlan's lead guitarist. But the 37-year-old musician also has developed a respected career as a singer, song-writer and producer. He released three albums with the indie Vancouver band Veal between 1996 and 2003 and produced three records for McClelland.

The music on Steel City Trawler is rough-hewn guitar-powered rock, in the tradition of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, Bruce Springsteen and the E-Street Band or Neil Young and Crazy Horse. He's considered one of Canada's best guitarists. Doucet likes to think he's earned that reputation by playing from the heart.

guvs aren't what you'd call they're they're Doucet. "I learned a long time ago, when I've got a guitar in my hands, don't sionate."

"Keith Richards, Neil Young, Springsteen, these sophisticated guitarists, but passionate and the best," says be sophisticated, be pas-

THE SECRET **WORLD OF** LIP-SYNCING

ver since STP singer Scott Weiland fell off the stage in Ohio last month, much has been postulated about how he managed to keep singing without sounding like a guy falling off a

stage. Was he lip-syncing? Is STP using backing vocal tracks to enhance their live performances? Or is Weiland just such a pro that he was able to carry on without losing his place?

My guess-es: (a) Not really; (b) Maybe; (c) Possibly.
Lip-syncing has been a

part of live performances for decades. Anvone who's ever watched the BBC's Top of the Pops knows that. Today, backing tracks and other forms of vocal assistance are done so slickly that we don't even notice.

Audiences expect perfection for the money they pay hence the use of vocal augmentation by an unseen singer offstage (hello, Ozzy!); prerecorded

vocal tracks (Britney, GaGa, etc) so that the performer sounds perfect even as he/she runs through all their dance moves; and real-time pitch correction in the vocals so the singer never sounds flat (just about everybody).

But we can also underestimate how masterful some singers are. I saw U2 play a two-hour set in Moscow last week even though I was right up against the stage, Bono appeared to be singing every word without a croak.

Sound Check

ALAN **CROSS**



Then again, I've also heard that segments of the 360 Tour are "tracked" because of the complexity of the stage show. I've also heard stories about AC/DC's rigid set list. "If they wanted to change the set list," one insider told me, "they would have had to gone back into the studio.

And let's not confuse this with the crimes of Milli Vanilli. That band was fronted by two guys who didn't sing a note on their own albums. They merely mimed someone else's performances and tried to keep it secret. Today's singers are singing along (mostly) with themselves.

Some people don't care. They want their favourite songs performed perfectly, even though the singer can't reach the high notes anymore. Then there are those who believe that backing tracks destroy the authenticity of the live performance and the spirit of rock 'n' roll. For the record, Weiland denies he was lip-syncing. And even if he was, this won't change anything. Backing tracks and other forms of PA trickery are here to

don Lightfoot's Sundown, aren't necessarily written about Hamilton, but Doucet makes the point that they were all born in the Steel City. "This album is really more of a dedication to the city," Doucet says over city," Doucet says over beers at This Ain't Holly-wood, one of Hamilton's top live music venues. Doucet is perhaps best known as Sarah McLach-

Buddha Never **Taught**

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Tim Ward's book about his experiences leaving Canada and travelling on a six- year journey to

the abbeys of Southeast Asia to join Buddhist monks is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a new edition. The book is full of colourful characters, buzzing mosquitoes, humour and insight.

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Score: A **Hockey Musical**

Looks like everyone wants to score this fall. The moviemusical. which stars a



bevy of well-known Canucks Nelly Furtado, hockey dad Walter Gretzky — and Olivia Newton John, is opening five film festivals across the country, including those in Toronto, Halifax, Edmonton and Cal

1.000 Awesome Things

Internet

Stopping to smell the roses is so clichéd. Instead, head to this awardwinning blog by Neil Pasricha. Among the little things in life you should remember? Being able to

Modern **Family**

Awards

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pass off your own fart as your dog's, and taking off plastic wrap without gett ing it stuck to itself. 1000awesomethings.com



This comedy romp has been causing chuckles on the small screen for the last few months, and the Emmy Awards took

notice, honouring the series with a number of awards, including best comedy, an acting award and best writing.

The Vampire **Diaries**

The first season of Vampire Diaries that brood ing show



bloodlust and romance is now available on DVD. Watch vamp-bros Stefan and Damon battle it out in the fictional town of Mystic Falls, VA. The Blu-ray and DVD includes eight hours of bonus features, including four featurettes.

MacGruber

You can now take home this movie featuring Will Forte's handy SNL character. Kristen Wiig and Ryan Phillipe are along for the ride as MacGruber is called out of retirement to take down his archenemy.

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Mix of Six

Shakespeare by the Sea:

This summertime theatre tradition is coming to an end this weekend with performances of Treasure Island, Julius Caesar and Twelfth Night. Performances through Sunday at Point Pleasant Park. For complete information of times, visit shakespearebythesea.ca.

QMJHL exhibition hockey:

The Halifax Mooseheads take to home ice for the final time in the pre-season, taking on the P.E.I. Rocket. The team's newest player, Martin Frk, won't be suiting up for Halifax in the game, but most season reg-ulars should be. Saturday, 7

p.m., Halifax Forum.

Halifax Urban Folk

Festival: The festival, put on by Carleton's owner Mike Campbell, is to transfer the spirit of renowned folk festivals into an urban setting. Through Sunday, The Carlton. Visit thecarleton.ca/music/huff for complete event details.

Hopscotch Urban Arts

Festival: This first-ever event for HRM will celebrate all aspects of hiphop culture. There will be bboy dancing, MC and DJ music and graffiti art. Saturday through Sept. 11 at various venues around Halifax.

hopscotchhalifax.com

Halifax Kennel Club Championship Dog Show: Dog lovers, this is an event you won't want to miss. This allbreed event is the largest dog show in Atlantic Canada and will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m, Saturday to Monday at Exhibition Park. Visit hkc.halifaxkennelclub.org for complete details.

Atlantic Fringe Festival:

Celebrating its 20th edition, this grassroots festival is featuring 230 performers in 32 shows over 11 days through Sept. 12 at five venues in Halifax. atlanticfringe.ca

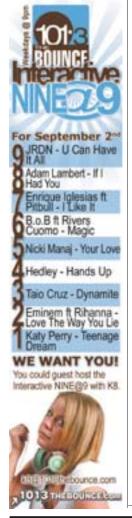






Love Story

Perry and Brand became engaged in January after a whirlwind romance, and their relationship and nuptials have made them tabloid favourites. "We've decided that after we get married, we're not going to talk about our relationship anymore, because it's like, we're married, so we're married. What more can I say?"



Katy follows her Dreams

Hit album proves initial success no fluke • Showcases different sides

To some, the most surprising part of Katy Perry's sophomore success is that it exists.

After all, this was the ever effervescent girl who rose to fame two years ago with a song about girl-ongirl action. She dressed like a cross between Betty Boop and Judy Jetson and sang songs about metrosexual boyfriends and partying in Vegas.

Fun and catchy — but surely not built to last.

Cut to 2010, and it's been Perry's year. Her No. 1 smash California Gurls has become the song of the summer; she's got another big hit with the racy Teenage Dream; and her second album of the same name debuted at the top of the charts this week, selling a little over 192,000 copies for one of the year's best debuts, according to Nielsen SoundScan

"This record could be more important than the first. It shows that it wasn't a lottery, it shows that it wasn't luck — it just shows that it's good." KATY PERRY

Brand hasn't hurt her exploding star power.

recent interview. "I've alsomething really exciting.

The 25-year-old California girl hasn't toned down because of a hotel chill).

The video for California Gurls, the infectious pop groove featuring Snoop Dogg, features Perry in a Land, and the theme continues with her album.

And her engagement to British comedian Russell

"It's really validating, but not in like a mean girls' kind of way feeling," savs a wide-eved Perry. with her girlish voice, in a ways believed in myself and it's just wonderful that people can finally jump on the train and be a part of

the zaniness much on her latest album - and listeners get the feeling she couldn't if she tried. In person, Perry comes across like a walking candy confection — on this day, she's wearing her jet-black hair pulled back in a ponytail; her evelids are colored in a bright blue; and she's wearing a low-cut, tight minidress that's a rainbow of colours (though she covers up with a grey jacket

version of Candy

Teenage Dream features songs about toxic relationships, moments of conflict,



self-doubt and even inspiration. "(This album) shows the evolution that people weren't expecting," says Amy Doyle, MTV's executive vice-president of music and talent programming. "There are songs on this album that go a little deeper into her feelings and aren't just these poppy little numbers."

Perry calls the album her "black box" - where she reveals Katy Perry the artist, often obscured by

Katy Perry the caricature.

One song that shows another dimension is the angry Circle the Drain, where she lashes out at a lover who is destroying himself and their relationship with drugs. The associated press

Woman says Diddy Combs fired her after surgery

A New York woman has sued rapper-producer Sean "Diddy" Combs, saying he fired her because of her age two decades after she helped launch his career. Fifty-one-year-old

Francesca Spero filed the age discrimination lawsuit Wednesday in federal court in Manhattan.

The lawsuit says the Malverne resident introduced Combs to hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons and Uptown Records after meeting Combs in 1988.

It says she worked at Combs' Bad Boy Entertainment record label as an executive for 12 years before

being fired in March.

The lawsuit says Spero was fired after having hip surgery and confiding to an executive that she was treated for a drug dependency relapse.

A publicist for Combs "there are many reasons why Ms. Spero is no longer employed by Bad Boy, but age discrimination is not one of them.'

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Is Ashton stepping out on Demi Moore?

 Star magazine reporting former Punk'd star was seen kissing a woman who was not his wife
 Kutcher threatens legal action

Ashton Kutcher, who has been married to Demi

been married to Demi Moore for five years, was allegedly spotted getting frisky with a mystery blonde at an Italian restaurant in Los Angeles, according to Star magazine. "Ashton had this gor-

"Ashton had this gorgeous girl pinned against the wall, and he was totally making out with her," a source tells the magazine.

"I was shocked to see him sucking face with a girl who obviously wasn't Demi."

Star magazine, also claimed in its latest issue that the celebrity couple's marriage "is in danger of falling apart." "I think Star magazine calling me a 'cheater' qualifies as defamation of character...I hope my lawyer agrees." ASHTON KUTCHER, VIA TWITTER, ABOUIT STAR MAGAZINE'S COMMENTS

Kutcher has been quick to address the rumors.

"I think Star magazine calling me a 'cheater' qualifies as defamation of character," the actor posted on his Twitter account. "I hope my lawyer agrees."

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Talking points

No dancing shoes for some

NO REAL SURPRISE AS
THOSE OTHER STARS HAVE
ACTUAL JOBS The cast for
the new season of Dancing with the Stars is set,
topped by David Hasselhoff, Bristol Palin and
lersey Shore star the Sit-

uation.
But what's even
more interesting is who
said no to the reality
show. Sylvester
Stallone, Richard Branson, Joel McHale and
Condoleezza Rice were
all offered spots but
passed, according to the
Hollywood Reporter.

"People say no for a variety of reasons," executive producer Conrad Green says. "Some people like the show but think they suck at dancing. It's a lot easier to say no than it is to say yes."

The Situation

Celebrity tweets



Ashton Kutcher [@aplusk] STAR magazine — you don't get to stand behind

"freedom of the press' when you are writing fiction



Sam Ronson [@samantharonson] Damn- have you guys heard of

Lily Allen

[Alilyrose-

allen] Very

glad that

today is

this Justin Bieber kid? Keep an eye out... he can bowl and play basketball and dance. He might have a fu-



over. So tired I'm gonna go bed without brushing my teeth.





Cinnamon

Cinnamon makes us think of sweets and baked goods in Canada and the **United States. In** the rest of the world, it's a savoury seasoning that shows up in meat rubs, vegetable stews and curries, as well as sprinkled over grains, such as couscous. And with good reason. Cinnamon imparts a mellow, delicious warmth and aroma. Try a little in your next batch of chili. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





Get more flavour with less labour

Weeknight cooking is no time for nuance D But it can still be tasty

Weeknight meals must cut through the clutter of weekday chaos. And they must do it quickly and without fuss, mess, or

It's a simple premise. Let high-flavour ingredients do most of the work. Foods that taste great going into the pot need less work from you to taste great when they come out. Ingredients such as Parmesan cheeses, balsamic vinegars, jalapenos, chorizos and wasabis of the world.

In the cookbook, High Flavor, Low Labor: Reinventing Weeknight Cooking by Associated Press Food Editor J.M. Hirsch (to be released Sept. 7) ease and flavour rule. Because bland foods just don't sat-

isfy.
"I'm not big on fancy
"To not a chef techniques. I'm not a chef and I've never worked in a restaurant. I'm just a working dad who loves good food and won't sacrifice eating well just because I have a crazy life," he says.

Here are some of his favourite high-flavour ingredients. All are easy to get and even easier to use.

Citrus juice and zest: Citrus effortlessly brightens and sharpens flavours. The juices are best in dressings, marinades, sauces, even soups (try a splash in chicken and tomato soups). The zest is great in baked goods, sauces, and sautes (add it

to a saute of kale with garlic and grated Parmesan cheese).

Ginger: Fresh ginger (sold as a funky brown root in the produce section) has a peppery sweet flavour and is essential to Asian cooking. Also try it grated over steamed and buttered potatoes or mixed into a vinaigrette. The best place to store fresh ginger is the freezer. It keep for months.

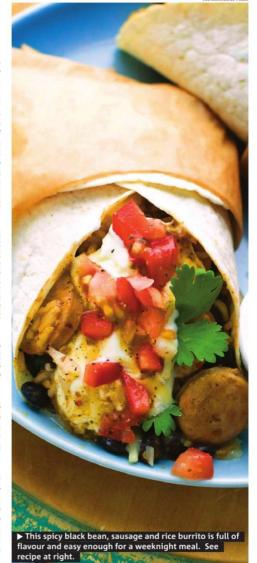
Salt: Many foods - even sweets - simply taste flat without a pinch of salt. It doesn't take much, and it doesn't take the pricey gourmet stuff. The best bet is kosher salt, which is inexpensive and easy to pinch. Keep a bowl of it next to the stove.

Wine: It's all about getting sauced. Or is that making sauce? Whichever, wine is great for deglazing pans.

Hot Sauce: This is my secret ingredient in hummus and cheese sauces. Just a dash brightens the other flavours without adding significant heat.

Anchovies: Anchovies are incredibly savoury, inexpensive and easy to use. Best yet, you don't need to eat them whole to appreciate them. Place a few in a hot pan and stir around; they will melt into a flavourful paste.

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Spicy burrito

Ingredients:

- · 4 slices bacon, cut into 2.5 cm pieces
- 1 small onion, diced
 2 cloves garlic, minced
- · 2 precooked spicy
- chicken sausages, cut
- 5 ml smoked paprika
- · 250 ml long-grain white rice
- 500 ml chicken broth
- 460 ml can black beans, drained
- · 250 ml jarred tomatillo salsa
- · Salt and ground black
- pepper, to taste 4 burrito flour tortillas
- · 125 ml chopped fresh cilantro
- · 250 ml shredded cheddar cheese
- · 250 ml sour cream

Preparation:

- In a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, cook the bacon for 2 minutes. Add the onion, garlic, sausages and smoked paprika. Saute for 3 minutes.
- Add the rice and cook, stirring constantly, for another 30 seconds. Add the broth and beans, stir well, and bring to a boil, Cover the pan, reduce the heat to simmer, and cook for 15 min-
- Remove the saucepan from the heat and let cool for 5 minutes. Mix in the salsa, then season with salt and pepper.
- Microwave the tortillas for about 15 seconds to soften them. Divide the rice and beans mixture among the tortillas, then top each with chopped cilantro, cheddar cheese, and sour cream.

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Fruit Quesadillas

Preparation:

- In a small bowl, combine nectarine, pear, plums, brown sugar and cinnamon. In a separate bowl, combine cream cheese. maple syrup and orange rind.
- Spread each tortilla with about 30 ml (2 tbsp) of the cheese mixture. Top 1 half of each with 125 ml (1/2 cup) fruit. Fold each tortilla over to cover filling and press down gently.
- Cook in large non-stick skillet over mediumhigh heat for about 2 minutes on each side or until crispy and browned. Remove from heat and let stand for 1 minute. Cut each quesadilla into 4 . wedges, sprinkle with icing sugar. Serve immediately. Makes 16 wedges.
- Tips: To grill quesadillas, cook over 1/2 to 2 minutes per side or until crispy and browned.





Ingredients:

- 1 each nectarine and pear, ripe but firm (pitted, cored and diced)
- 2 plums, ripe but firm (pitted and diced)
- 30 ml packed brown sug-
- 1 ml cinnamon
- 125 g cream cheese,
- 15 ml pure maple syrup
- · 5 ml grated orange rind
- 4 regular whole wheat or regular tortillas
- Icing sugar





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Experience on the world stage

• Former Rainmen forward enjoys personal success on Canadian team



Jevohn Shepherd had a week to remember at a Basketball tournament Canada might just as soon want to forget.

The 22-year-old, fresh off his rookie pro season with the Premier Basketball League's Halifax Rainmen, made a big impression at the FIBA world basketball championship in Izmir, Turkey, despite Canada's dismal 0-5 showing.

Shepherd averaged 9.4 points and 17.6 minutes per game, boasting a higher points-per-minute than any other player on the roster.

"It's definitely (been) a great experience," Sheptold Metro from herd Turkey.

come out with any wins, it

was a great opportunity to be on the world stage and play against great competition

The six-foot-five small forward, who played four years with the Michigan Wolverines, was a reserve player for the Rainmen, averaging 8.1 points in 12 games while becoming known for his athletic

But he won't be back next season, as he will play at Germany's second pro level after signing with a club in Osnabruck

He hopes his FIBA experience will serve him well. "I learned experience

played a big role at this level as well as hard work," Shepherd said. "Skill doesn't always translate into wins. It's more so experience and playing together. The European game is more team-oriented than any basketball I've been a part of."

"Even though we didn't Losing finish Thursday to defending champion Spain.



Canada wrapped up the FI-BA world basketball championship with a 89-67 loss

Jevohn Shepherd was the

club's second-leading scorer yesterday, contributing 12 points in the loss.

hurt us," said Canadian point guard Jermaine Anderson, a Halifax Rainmen alumnus. "We lost most of our games late or in the fourth quarter."
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Moose roster now whittled down to 25

• Warner becomes latest, and likely final, player cut



The Halifax Mooseheads made what will likely be their final cut on Thursday, dispatching 17-year-old winger Luke Warner to the junior A ranks.

Warner, selected in the 12th round (197th overall) in June's draft, had one assist and 11 penalty min-utes in five QMJHL pre-season games and made a good impression on the Mooseheads' staff with his agitating style and willingness to stand up for his teammates.

The arrival of highly



touted Czech winger Martin Frk forced Warner off the roster despite his good camp and pre-season.

The five-foot-nine, 190-

pound New Glasgow native will report to the Maritime Hockey League's Bridgewater Lumberjacks.

The Mooseheads are left with 25 players: Three goaltenders, eight defencemen and 14 forwards.

The only situation that has not yet been resolved is in goal, where 20-yearold over-ager Peter Delmas is expected to turn pro or be traded to another QMJHL team.

Delmas, a former Colorado Avalanche secondround draft choice, will attend the Montreal Canadiens' rookie camp from Sept. 13 to 16 at Bell Sports Complex in Brossard, Que.



Federer advances

Roger Federer strolled into the third round of the U.S. Open. Second-seeded Federer breezed through his match at steamy Flushing Meadows on Thursday, defeating Germany's Andreas Beck 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 in Arthur Ashe Stadium. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Big Ben may get reduction

Ben Roethlisberger's first big gain of the season may occur weeks before he returns to the field.

His six-game suspension for violating the league's personal conduct policy likely will be shortened to four games by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell after the two meet in New York Friday.

The meeting will take place about 12 hours after the quarterback plays in the Steelers' final pre-season game, against the Carolina Panthers in Pittsburgh.
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Injury

Steelers quarterback Byron Leftwich, expected to start during Ben Roethlisberger's suspension, injured his left knee during the first half of Thursday's exhibition game against Carolina. The team said he would not return to the game.





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I wasn't in Montreal in 2008 when more than 5,000 Honduran fans descended on Saputo Stadium for what has become known as the biggest sporting debacle in recent Canadian memory.

'm glad I wasn't. Supporters who attended tell the story of how a home game for Canada was transformed from a winnable World Cup qualifier into a hostile environment for the Canucks — with Canadian supporters being pelted with everything from bottles to bags of urine.

After the loss, the fans' frustration turned to anger. Why had the Canadian Soccer Association (CSA) allowed so many tickets to be sold to the Honduran supporters?

Had the cash-strapped CSA lost the plot? Had the cash-strapped CSA even known the plot?

The Vovageurs, the Canadian soccer supporters group, hope those sorts of events are in the past.

Jamie MacLeod, a member of the Voyageurs, worked with the CSA to ensure tickets for Saturday's international friendly against Peru at BMO Field in Toronto got into the hands of Canadians fans.

He also helped create a banner, to be emblazoned with supporter signatures, that will hang in the south end of BMO Field as a reminder to the CSA, the players and corporate Canada that there is one priority for Canadian soccer over the next four years: Mission 2014.

"The goal is to say, to the players on the field and to the CSA, that everything we do from here on in is about qualifying for (the 2014 World Cup in) Brazil.

"This is our mission. This is why we're here to support you. We want to make Brazil.

Supporters such as MacLeod and the Voyageurs are determined to never let a situation like the 2008

Montreal game happen again. "They were throwing bottles, rocks. There were people coming into our sections and starting fights You're in Canada, and it's very diffi-cult for people like security to say, You can't go into this section because of who you are' ... but the CSA listened in the aftermath, saw what selling tickets to away support can do and they have learned from those mistakes," MacLeod said.

After the game in Toronto, the banner will travel across Canada, collecting signatures along the way.

It will head to Montreal for a rematch against Honduras Tuesday, then out to Vancouver and Edmonton. After that, it will be wherever there are national team games in Canada, MacLeod said.

"Canada deserves to have home games at home. When our players are forced to play away games in their own country, how can you expect them to qualify?"

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Today's horoscope

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your doubts and fears behind

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Gancer June 22-July 22 Don't impose restrictions on yourself. Go where you want to go and do what you want to do and don't worry in the slightest what others might

say about it.

matters of one sort or another will be on your mind today, but don't let them take over to the extent that you think about nothing else. Money is important but it's people who make the world go around.

My Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You will want to start something new today, but don't be in such a rush to get going that you overlook small but important details. Clarify your longterm aims.

For today's crossword answers

link between the Sun and mind planet Mercury suggests you want to be alone with your thoughts for a while.

M Scorpio oct. 24-Nov. 22 You seem to be having second thoughts about a belief or an outlook that has never troubled you in the past. Don't sweep it under the carpet and pretend it does not exist.

♂ Sagittarius

Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You have what it takes to reach the top of your chosen profession, but sacrifices will have to be made. The more old things you can live without the more new things will come into your life over the next few davs.



り Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Because today's Sun-Mercury union falls in your fellow Earth sign of Virgo you will be crystal clear about your priorities,

but are they the right priori-

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You've got to be tough but fair, both with other people and with yourself. You won't need to stoop to underhand methods to reach your goals today but

you might need to be ruthless.

H Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Usually you don't have to tell loved ones how much they mean to you because your actions speak louder than words. but today you must spell it out for them. You can't say it too much. SALLY BROMPTON



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